

I'd like to voice my opinion on the NAB petition 04-160. I strongly believe that you should reject this petition. Satellite radio is the most impressive innovation in radio in recent years. Not only does it provide consumers with a quality, commercial free option - which consumers fund through subscriptions, but it provides consumers choice. Due to its subscription base, satellite radio has the flexibility to adjust and grow based on consumers needs and demands. This is the hallmark of competition and capitalism. We must allow companies to compete for our business, to improve with services we need, like local, uninterrupted and accurate services - weather, traffic, news and information. To squelch this possibility would be an insult to consumers, who cannot control or request real change on AM or FM radio, but who pay for satellite radio and can affect change. Rejecting this petition won't mean the end of AM and FM radio, it will be a variety of excellent choices, some free and some subscription-based, to allow consumers to select the best one for their needs. Don't remove that freedom for Americans.